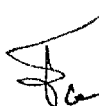


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MEMORANDUM FOR: National Intelligence Officer, Strategic Programs  
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT: Amplification on NIE 11-3/8

Looking back on our NIE 11-3/8 on use of square kilometers of soft targets destroyed, I wonder what data we have on hand that would give us some estimate of whether 100,000 square kilometers destroyed in the Soviet Union means more or less than in the United States. In short, our analogy with the Beltway is one way to estimate the impact of the destructive capabilities portrayed. It may conceal widely different demographic conditions, however. Do we have anything on this readily available?

   
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